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APPLICANT: JIM SMITH HOGAN § GROUP ART UNIT: 1764
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AND APPARATUS §

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JUNE 19, 2002

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 19, 2002, applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider the application based on the following amendments and remarks:

AMENDMENTS

Please enter the amendments set forth below before further examination of the above-identified patent application. A marked-up version of the following amendments (showing the claim amendments by underlining the added text and by bracketing the deleted text) is appended hereto:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 12, 22 and 46 as follows:

1. (Amended) A desorbtion method comprising:
- conveying waste material into a first drum, said first drum having a first gas extraction port;
 - sealing the waste material in said first drum;
 - heating the waste material in said first drum to a preselected first temperature sufficient to volatize at least one component of the waste material and form a gas;
 - extracting the gas from said first drum through said first gas extraction port;

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